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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF

RUDOLF PFAENDNER ET AL

APPLICATION NO: **09/703,782**

FILED: NOVEMBER 1, 2000

FOR: PROCESS FOR INCREASING THE  
MOLECULAR WEIGHT OF  
POLYCONDENSATES

Group Art Unit: **1711** ✓

Examiner: **R. Sargent**

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**Response Under 37CFR 1.116-  
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Examining Group 1711**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 9, dated May 20, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a three month shortened statutory period for reply, making this paper due August 20, 2003. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter and consider this response even though submitted After Final. The issues before the Examiner are simplified; consideration of this response will require little additional effort.